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## DOE TO HOLD WORKSHOP ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES AT FERNALD

CINCINNATI, Ohio -- The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) will conduct a public workshop Tuesday, August 9, at 7 p.m. in Classroom D of the Alpha Building, 10991 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, to discuss its proposal to ship Fernald Operable Unit 1 waste by rail to an off-site disposal facility.

DOE has proposed rail shipment as part of its cleanup remedy for Operable Unit 1, the Waste Pit Area. The Proposed Plan, which identifies the preferred cleanup remedy, recommends removing the wastes, treating them, and then disposing them off-site. Specifically, the wastes would be excavated, treated by drying and then shipped by rail to a permitted commercial disposal facility in the arid West.

Issues to be discussed for Operable Unit 1 at the workshop include:

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The Waste Pits, a 37.7-acre area known as Operable Unit 1 located in the northwest portion of DOE's Fernald Environmental Management Project, are included in an ongoing cleanup study. Operable Unit 1 consists of Waste Pits 1 through 6, the Burn Pit, the Clearwell, along with the pit berms, liners, concrete pads, underground piping, utilities, and fencing associated with the waste pits. In all, there is more than 600,000 cubic yards of contaminated material associated with the waste pits.

Under an agreement between DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, DOE is conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) to assess the nature and extent of contamination at Fernald. The Waste Pit Area is one of the five defined Operable Units at Fernald which cover the environmental hazards at the facility.

A formal public comment period on the Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 1 is anticipated to occur later this year. Community acceptance is one of the evaluation criteria that must be considered in developing the cleanup decision.

The Fernald Environmental Restoration Management Corporation (FERMCO) is managing the cleanup of Fernald under a contract with the DOE. The uranium production mission ended at DOE's Fernald plant in 1989.

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**FERNALD MEETING:** A public meeting in Crosby Township is to discuss transporting toxic waste from the Fernald weapons plant to disposal sites. The meeting, at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Alpha Building, concerns a proposal to ship treated wastes by rail to a disposal site in Nevada.